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Community Informational

TUCSON SECTOR BORDER PATROL -- In an effort to improve our communications within the community, we are sending you this Community Informational to inform you of significant actions taken by Border Patrol Agents in the Tucson Sector Area of Responsibility. We are excited to provide you this insight into issues that may appear in the media. We would appreciate your feedback and constructive criticism on how we can better keep you informed. If you would like to see something added, let us know. If you prefer not to receive this information, or know of someone who would like to receive it, please email us at tcfieldcommunicationsbranch@cbp.dhs.gov. Finally, feel free to forward this to others who may benefit from this information. The following is a rundown of activities that occurred over the past week within the Tucson Sector.

Arrests

(DGL) Border Patrol agents assigned to the Douglas Station apprehended an illegal alien Tuesday who admitted to being a member of the violent MS-13 gang. Records checks in IAFIS revealed the subject has numerous felony charges. He will be processed for removal.

(AJO) Border Patrol agents assigned to the Ajo Station apprehended an illegal alien Monday identified as a member of the Sureño gang. Agents transported the subject to the Tucson Sector Coordination Center for processing and, through the Automated Integrated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS), found numerous criminal charges against the subject. He was held for prosecution.

(TUS) Agents assigned to the Tucson Station apprehended an illegal alien Sunday after noon who had five active felony warrants. After being transported to the Tucson Sector Coordination Center (TCC) records checks revealed the subject had warrants out of Mecklenburg, North Carolina for two counts of rape, kidnapping, communication threats and felony larceny. The subject was processed at the TCC and transferred to the U.S. Marshall's Office for extradition.

Arrests with Active Warrants

During a 24 hour period, Border Patrol agents across the Tucson Sector apprehended five illegal aliens with active warrants for arrest; to include three with extraditable felony warrants. The warrants and extensive criminal histories of each individual were revealed using the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS).

(CAG) In two separate incidents early Wednesday, three individuals with outstanding warrants were apprehended by Casa Grande agents. Agents first apprehended two illegal aliens wanted on drug-related



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charges; one with a felony warrant out of Henderson, Nev., the other out of Spanish Fork, Utah. Both individuals will be transferred to the Pinal County Sheriff's Department for extradition.

Less than an hour after identifying the first two individuals, Casa Grande agents identified a third illegal alien with a warrant for "failure to appear" on a hit-and-run charge out of Portland, Ore. The warrant is not extraditable so the subject is being held for processing.

(DGL) On Tuesday, agents assigned to the Douglas Border Patrol Station apprehended an individual with an outstanding felony arrest warrant issued by the New York Police Department for rape and sexual abuse. He is being held for prosecution and will be transferred to the U.S. Marshal's Office.

(CAG) Tuesday, Casa Grande agents apprehended an individual in the west desert area with an extraditable warrant out of Navajo County, Ariz., on smuggling charges. He is being held pending extradition.

Criminal aliens, including sex offenders, are among the dangerous individuals who attempt to enter the United States illegally. Technology, such as IAFIS, helps the Border Patrol quickly identify criminals and bring them to an appropriate law enforcement resolution.

Rescues and Recoveries

(AJO) Ajo agents received a report of possible illegal aliens in distress Monday morning. Border Patrol Search and Rescue (BORSTAR) agents located two aliens and determined one was in need of extensive medical care. BORSTAR agents transported one subject for additional care, while the other was taken to the Ajo Station for processing.

(AJO) Ajo agents, along with BORSTAR and air assets from the Customs and Border Protection's Office of Air and Marine (OAM), responded to a report Monday evening of possible illegal aliens in distress south of Why, Ariz. OAM assets located four subjects in distress. All were treated on site, but one person required additional medical attention.

(TUS) Border Patrol agents assigned to the Tucson Station, responded to a concerned citizen's report of possible illegal aliens in distress Sunday morning. The agents encountered four illegal aliens in distress, one who was in a state of dehydration. The man was evaluated and transported to St. Mary's Hospital of treatment. The other individuals were evaluated and transported to the Tucson Station for processing.

(NGL) Border Patrol agents assigned to the Nogales Station encountered an illegal alien in distress on the west side of Nogales, Sunday morning. Upon a brief examination of the individual, agents determined the subject required further medical attention. Rio Rico Fire Department responded and transported the subject to Holy Cross Hospital for further treatment.



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(SON) Border Patrol agents assigned to the Sonoita Station apprehended an illegal alien in the Huachuca Mountains, Saturday morning. Upon a brief examination of the individual, agents determined the subject required further medical attention. Fry Fire District Emergency Medical Services responded and transported the subject to University Medical Center for further treatment. After being treated, the subject was cleared for travel and transported to the Nogales Station for processing.

(TUS) Border Patrol agents assigned to the Tucson Station, responded to a concerned citizen's report Thursday, of possible illegal aliens in distress near Vail, AZ. While en route, the citizen informed the agents that the possible aliens were transported by Rincon Fire and Emergency Medical Services to Saint Joseph's Hospital to be treatment.

Tucson Sector has more than 200 agents trained as emergency medical technicians and more than 3,200 agents ready to respond to emergency situations. Although agents in the Tucson Sector stand ready to provide humanitarian assistance to anyone encountered in need, the summer heat continues to be a threat to human health. Unfortunately, smugglers value profits more than the lives of the people they attempt to smuggle across the border. Individuals who fall ill are often left behind by smugglers and can become victims of the desert.

Seizures

(NGL) Thursday, agents responded to a report of possible backpackers in Nogales crossing drugs into the United States. When the agents arrived, the smugglers dropped their contraband and fled back into Mexico. The agents recovered two bundles of marijuana with a combined weight more than 90 pounds and a value of approximately \$72,000.

(SON) Wednesday, agents assigned to the Sonoita Station seized more than 500 pounds of marijuana concealed in the body of a large truck. Agents working on Highway 82 near Sonoita, Ariz., identified a suspicious vehicle and performed a traffic stop. Upon further inspection, agents identified additional indicators of possible illegal activity. A cursory inspection was conducted using Non-Intrusive Inspection (NII) technology. The inspection revealed anomalies within the body of the truck.

A more extensive inspection of the interior of the vehicle uncovered 52 bundles of marijuana concealed within the interior panels. The narcotics weighed 502 pounds and have a value of more than \$400,000. The driver, passenger and vehicle were transferred to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for prosecution.

From Oct. 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010, the Tucson Sector Border Patrol seized more than 798,400 pounds of drugs exceeding \$638 million in value.